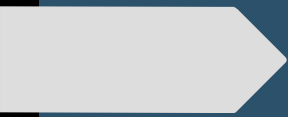


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s p a c e s

outdoor sculpture collection



Since 2005 Art Spaces has installed 18 public sculptures, in Terre Haute -- all but one are outdoors.



They are located:

Along the Arts Corridor



# *Urban Flowers*





*Max Ehrmann  
at the  
Crossroads*





In City of Terre Haute parks





*TREE*







*A Song for Indiana*



Detail,  
*A Song for  
Indiana*,  
showing the  
suggestion of  
the river.





On university campuses





*Flame of  
the  
Millennium*







*Runner*



# *A Reading Place*





And in other places





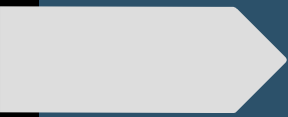
*Light of  
Hope and  
Healing*





The mission of Art Spaces is to provide public art and the **design of public places** to enhance economic growth, enrich cultural experiences and build a legacy for future generations





In 2012 we began a multi-year project called *Turn to the River*, to reconnect Terre Haute's downtown with the Wabash River through public art and design.

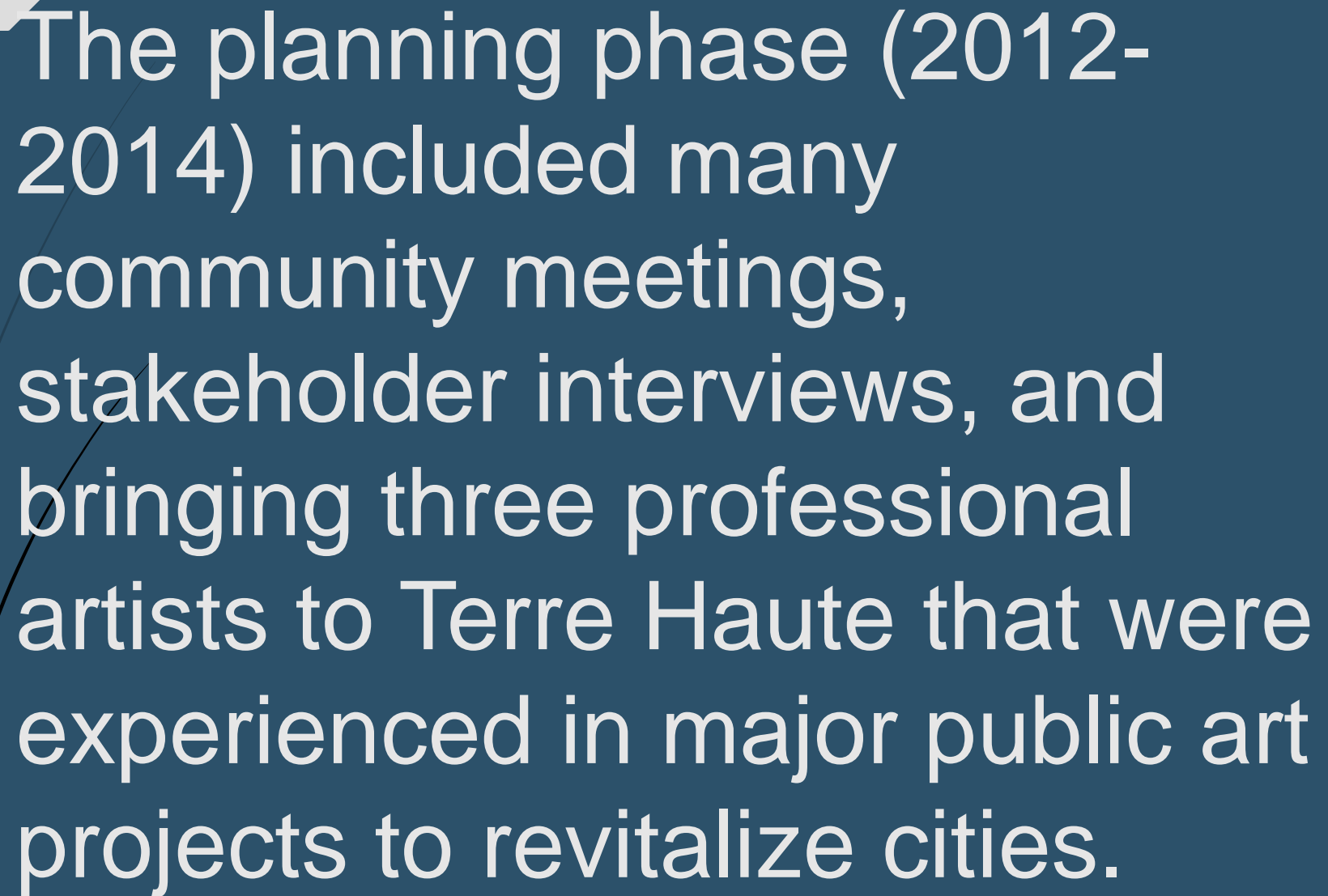


Original Downtown  
Center


Current Downtown  
Center

Terre Haute – Situated along the Wabash River



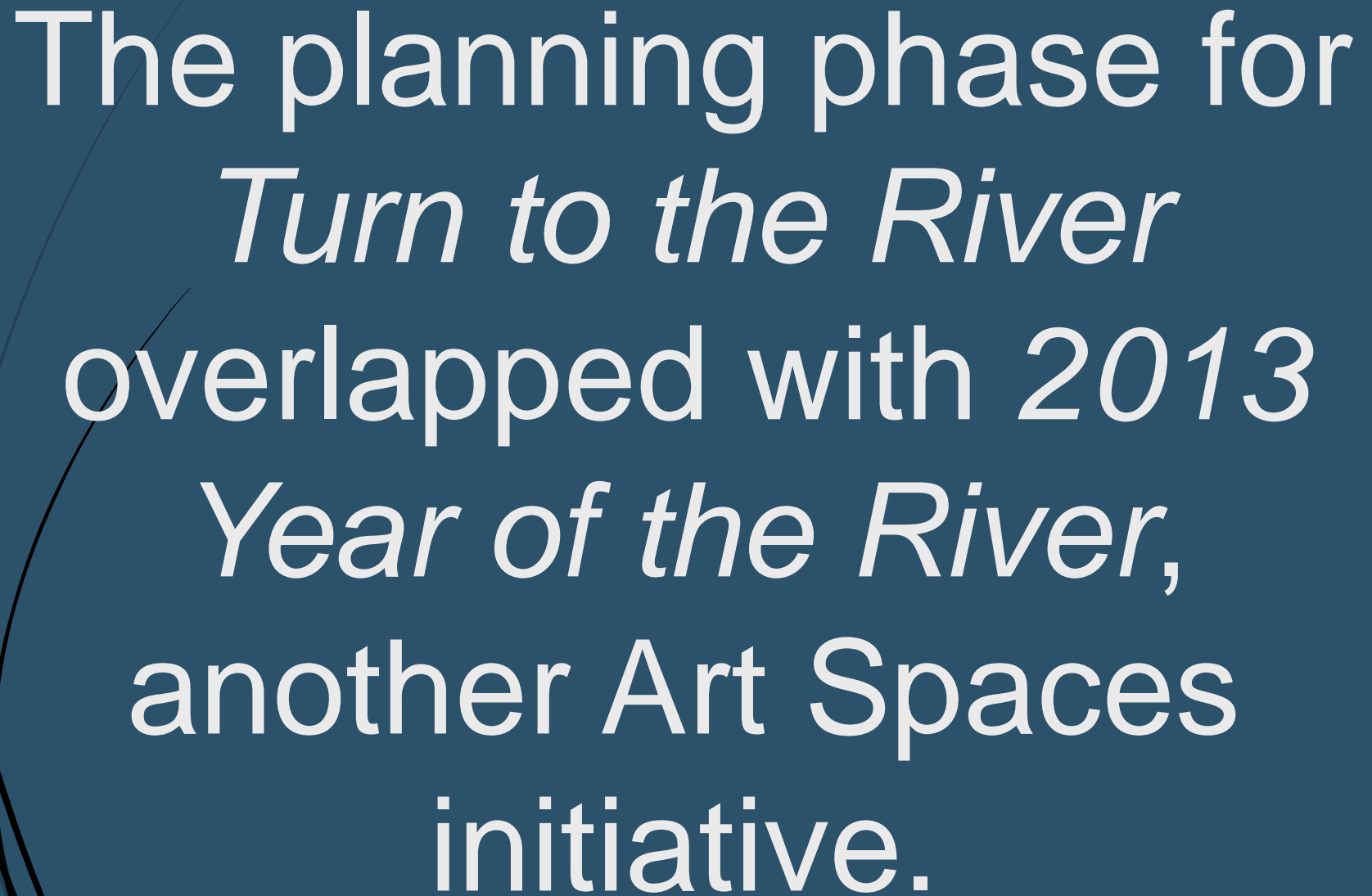


The planning phase (2012-2014) included many community meetings, stakeholder interviews, and bringing three professional artists to Terre Haute that were experienced in major public art projects to revitalize cities.

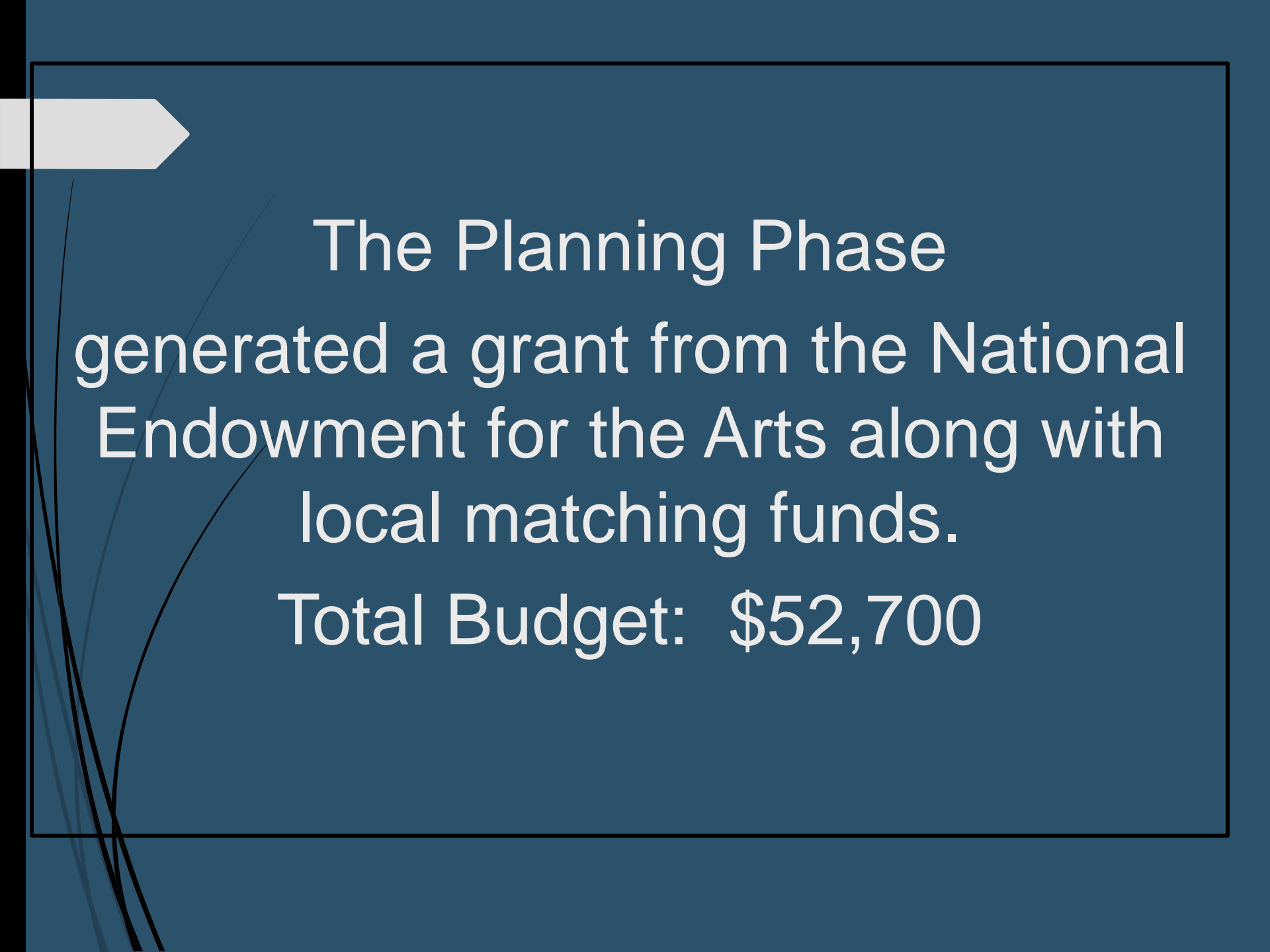


In 2014 we completed the *Turn to the River* Plan, a 212 page booklet that is available on our website, or in hard copy by request.





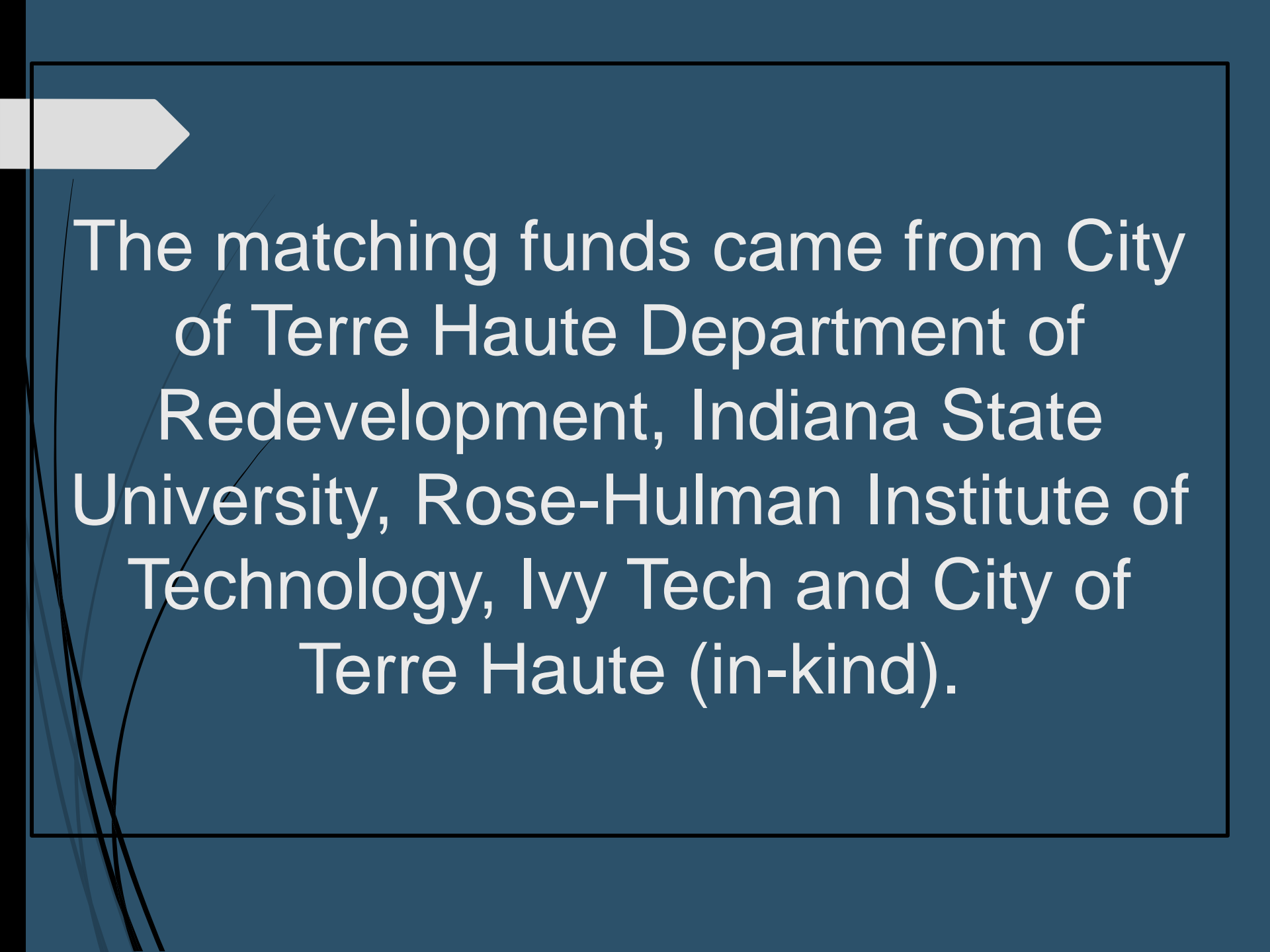
The planning phase for  
*Turn to the River*  
overlapped with 2013  
*Year of the River*,  
another Art Spaces  
initiative.



The Planning Phase  
generated a grant from the National  
Endowment for the Arts along with  
local matching funds.

Total Budget: \$52,700

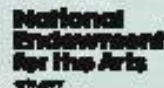




The matching funds came from City of Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment, Indiana State University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Ivy Tech and City of Terre Haute (in-kind).

# TURN TO THE RIVER

*A plan to  
re-connect downtown  
Terre Haute with the Wabash River  
through public art and design*

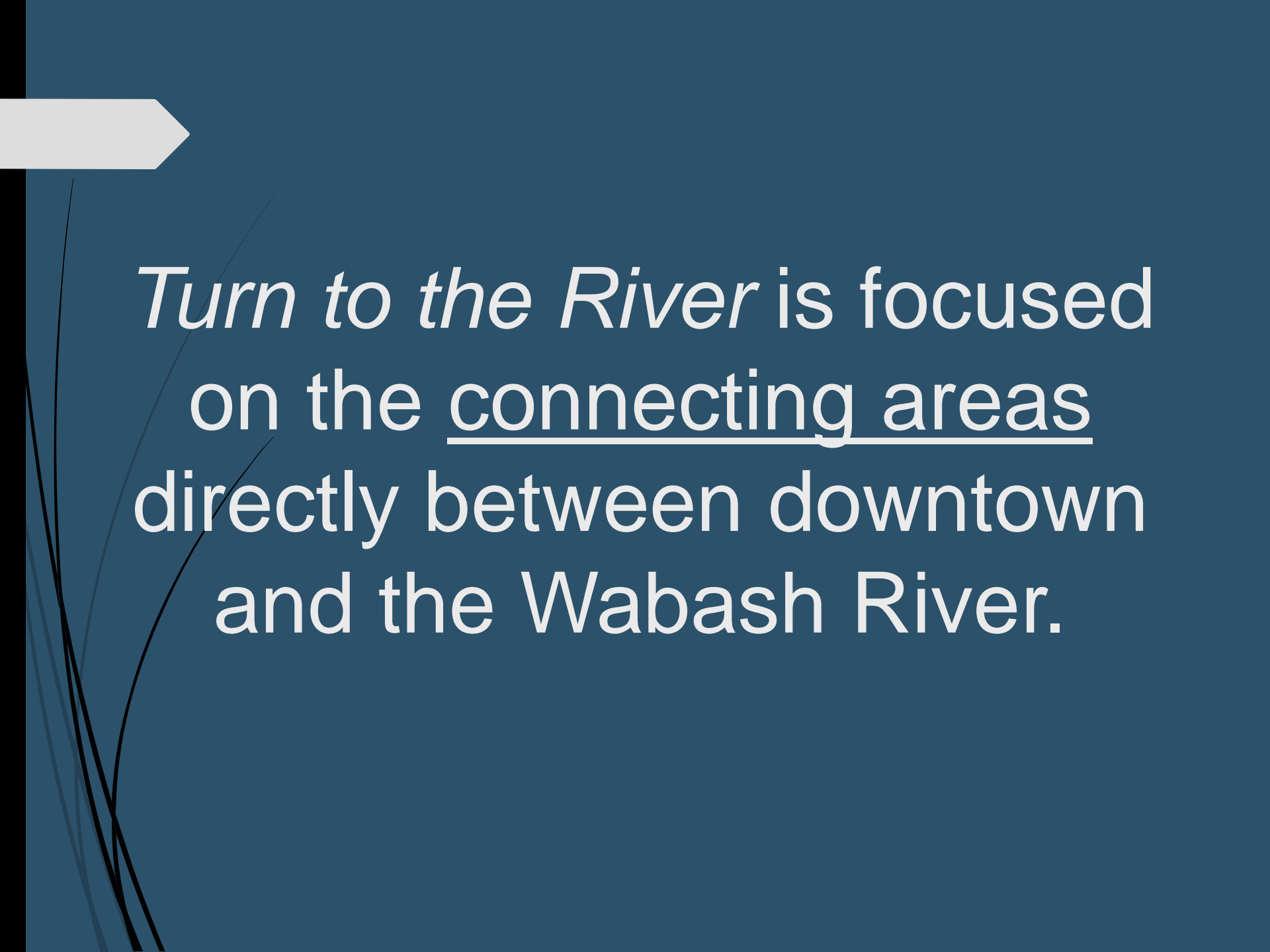




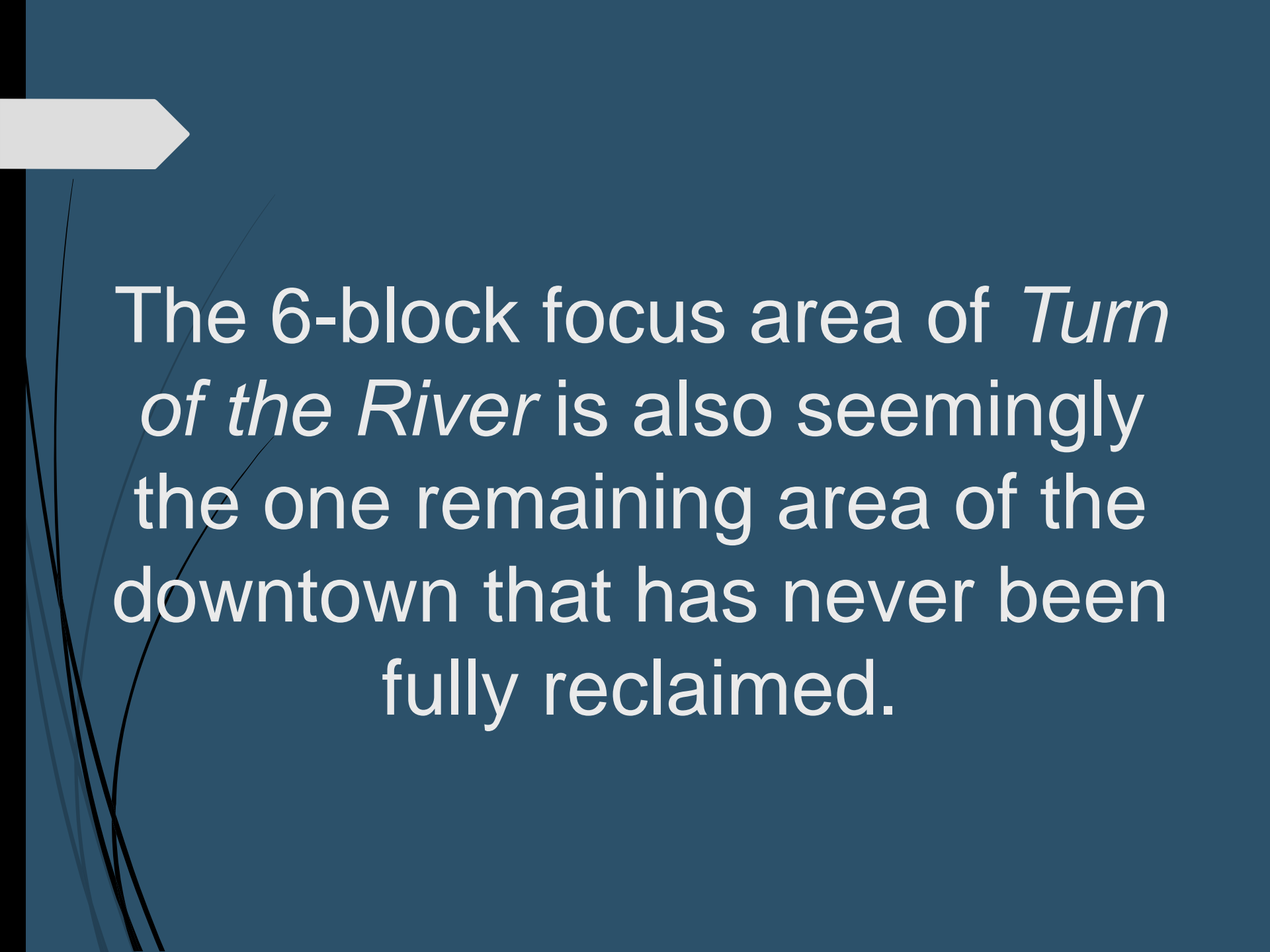
The focus area includes:

- the 4-square block City/County government campus
- “One Wabash,” a city-owned riverside property at the end of Wabash Ave





*Turn to the River* is focused  
on the connecting areas  
directly between downtown  
and the Wabash River.



The 6-block focus area of *Turn of the River* is also seemingly the one remaining area of the downtown that has never been fully reclaimed.



CITY HALL





KELLER LAW BUILDING

← COURTHOUSE  
CITY HALL →













In this view looking across the Wabash River from the west side, one can see the foundation of the old U.S. Highway 40 bridge. The location figures into the *Turn to the River* recommendations.

Image: Courtesy Tribune Staff Jim Avelis



In 2015 we brought back  
Artist Stacy Levy  
and Landscape Architect  
John Jackson of  
Ratio Architects in  
Indianapolis, to facilitate a  
design charrette.



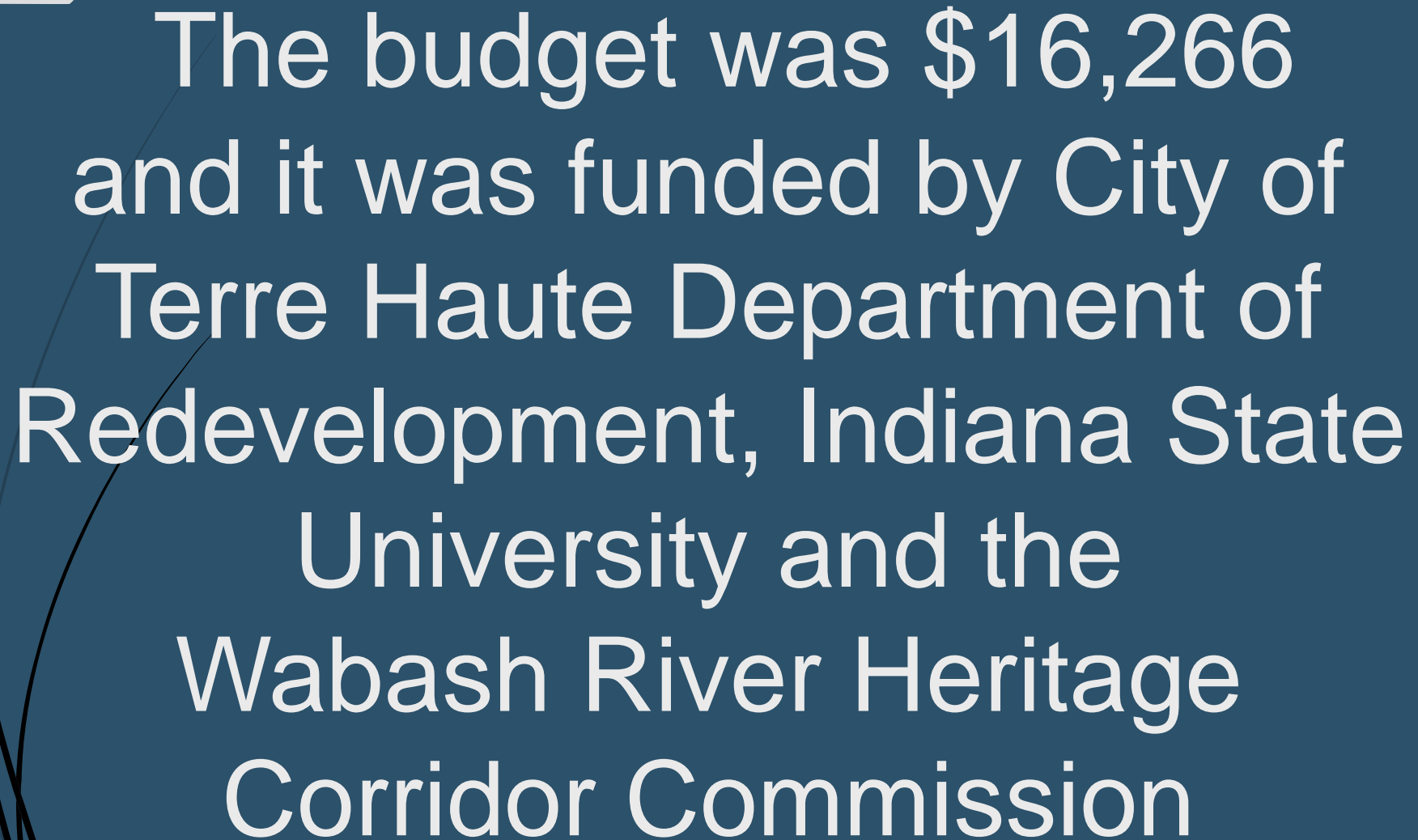


turn to the river


a public **charrette**

march 31 - april 2





The budget was \$16,266  
and it was funded by City of  
Terre Haute Department of  
Redevelopment, Indiana State  
University and the  
Wabash River Heritage  
Corridor Commission




The resulting  
*“Concept Booklet”*  
offered a synopsis of  
concepts created through  
community input



# Turn to the River

PUBLIC DESIGN CHARRETTE





Concepts included a  
designed walking  
promenade leading from  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the River




Existing pathways would be redesigned and enhanced from this...





To this...





The decaying fountain  
would be replaced with a  
significant sculpture,  
possibly maintaining a  
water feature













“One Wabash” to become a designed public green space with a river overlook



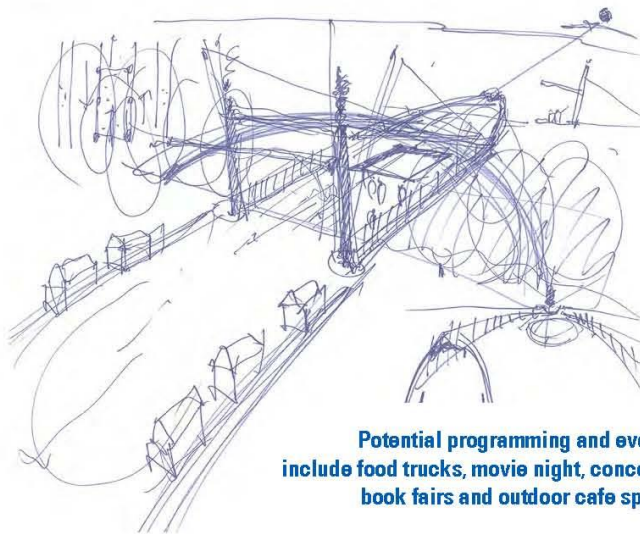




New possibilities for gathering spaces



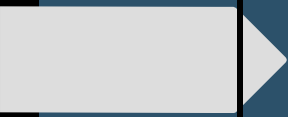
New views of River across & below



Potential programming and events include food trucks, movie night, concerts, book fairs and outdoor cafe space







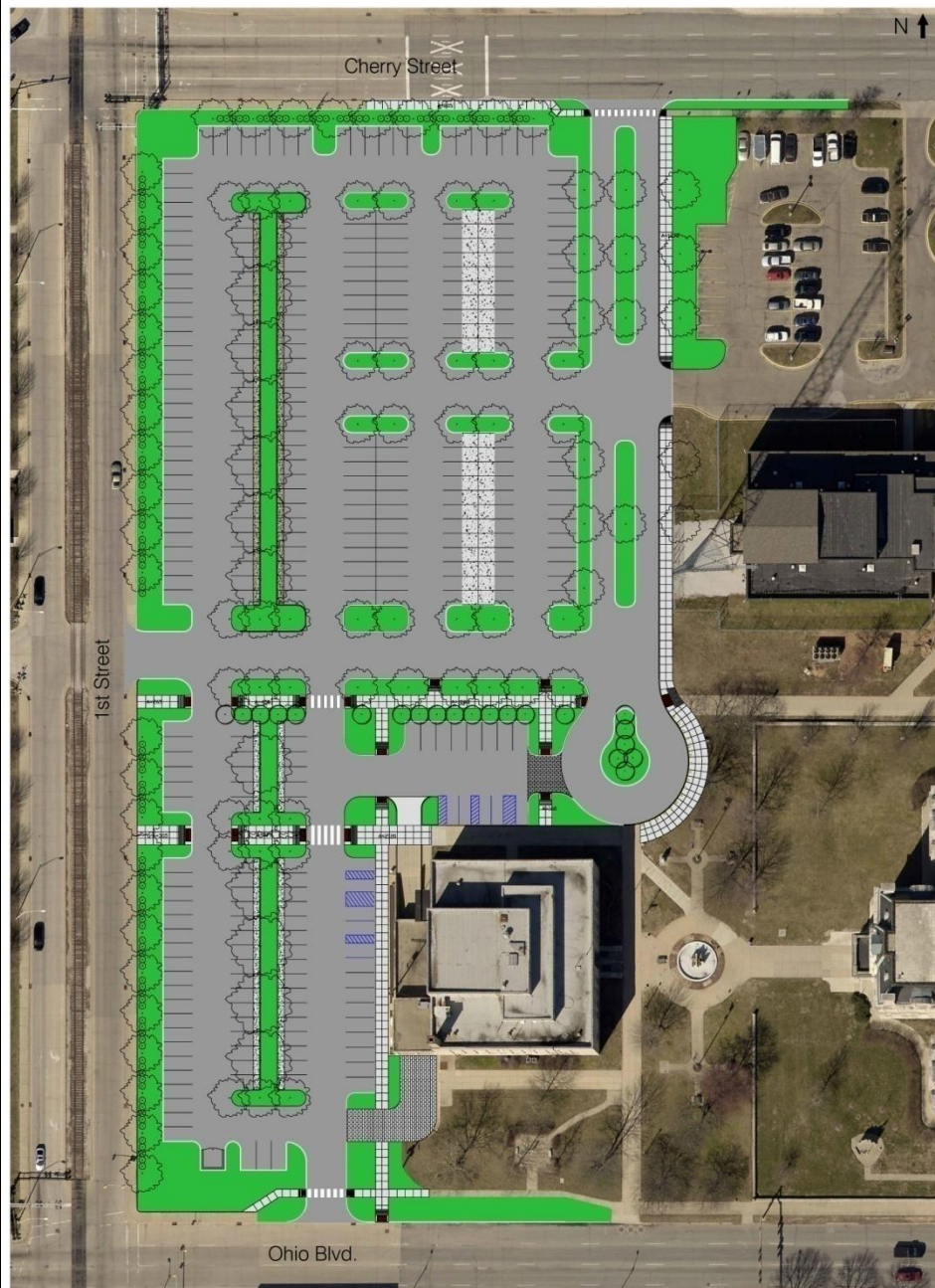
We also envision a flexible  
performance structure for  
performance programming  
of small groups of various  
kinds

The city owned parking lot would be redesigned from this...





To this –  
taking the  
equivalent of  
one mile of  
paved  
roadway into  
pervious  
pavement,  
with trees and  
landscaping,  
making it  
more  
environmental  
ly friendly.



City of Terre Haute  
Department of Engineering  
17 Harding Ave, Room 200, Terre Haute, IN 47807

Project:  
City Hall Parking Lot

Drawn by:  
JAD



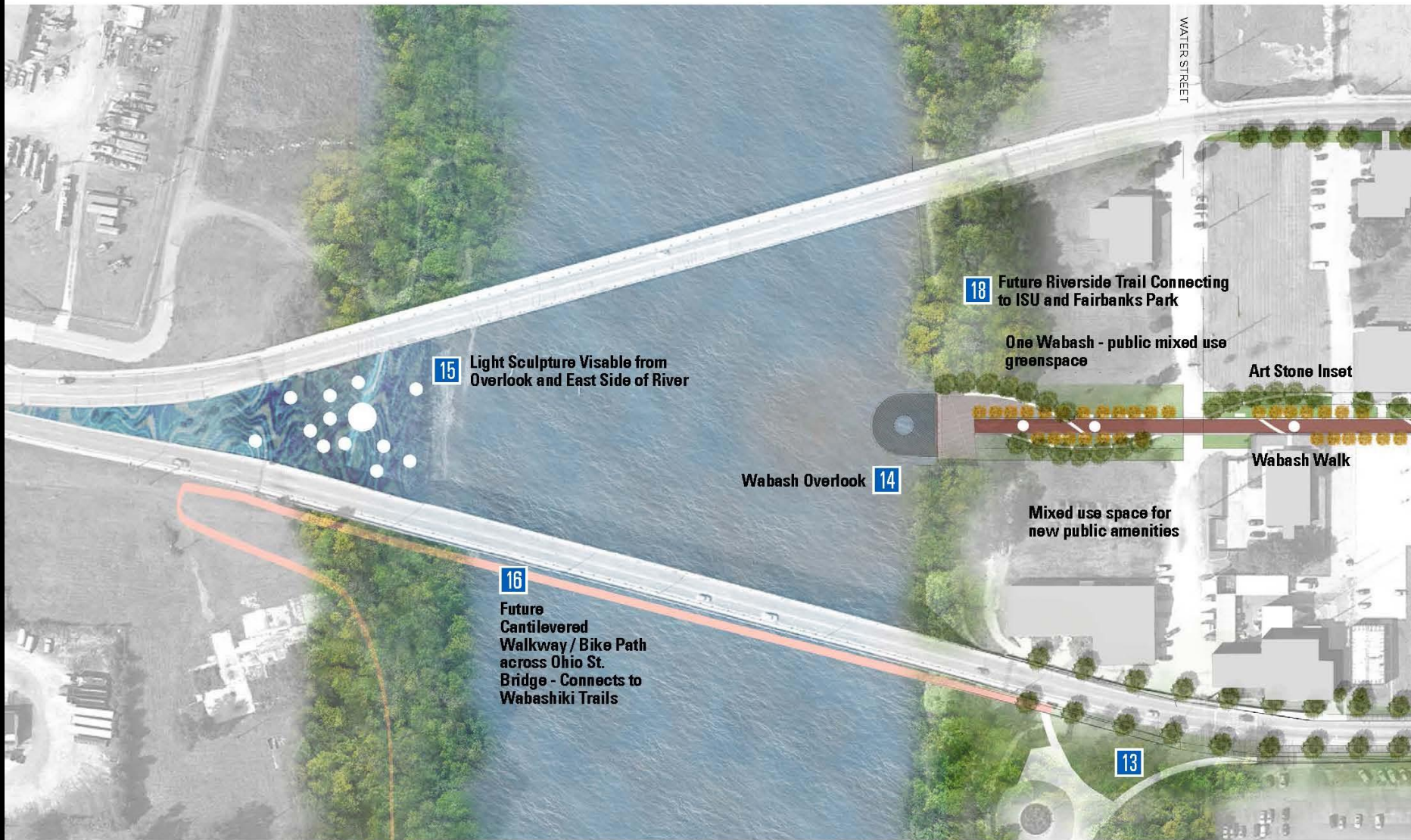
Overhanging solar panels could be installed to shelter the city 's vehicles



As well as serving as a site for Farmer's Market, and other festivals on the weekends when City Hall and Vigo County Courthouse are closed.







WATER STREET

**18** Future Riverside Trail Connecting to ISU and Fairbanks Park

One Wabash - public mixed use greenspace

Art Stone Inset

Wabash Walk

Mixed use space for new public amenities

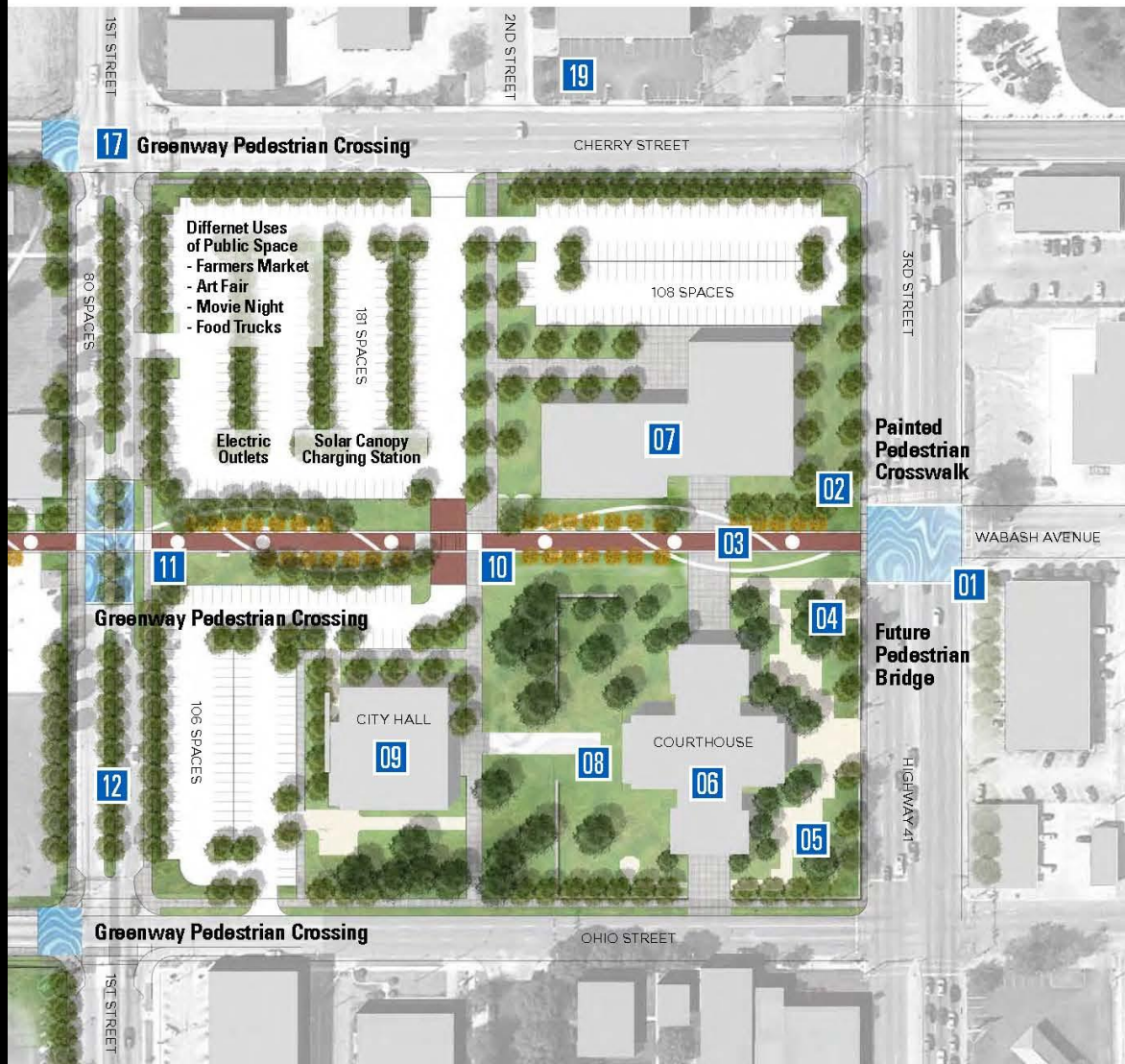
Wabash Overlook **14**

**15** Light Sculpture Visable from Overlook and East Side of River

**16** Future Cantilevered Walkway / Bike Path across Ohio St. Bridge - Connects to Wabashiki Trails


**13**



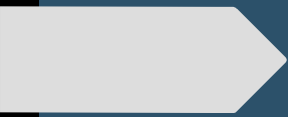


- 01 Highway 41 / 3rd Street crossing**
- 02 Pedestrian bridge landing**
- 03 "The Wabash Walk"**
- 04 Historic memorial sculpture**
- 05 Contemporary memorial sculpture**
- 06 Vigo County courthouse**
- 07 Vigo County jail or future reuse**
- 08 Redesigned landscape between City Hall and Courthouse**
- 09 City Hall**
- 10 Visitor drop-off**
- 11 1st Street crossing**
- 12 1st Street boulevard**
- 13 Connection to Fairbanks Park**
- 14 Wabash River Overlook**
- 15 Sculptural gateway to city**
- 16 Bridge walk to Wabashiki**
- 17 Heritage trail crossing**
- 18 Future riverside trail connecting to ISU and Fairbanks Park**





Landscaping, trees,  
seating, wayfinding, public  
art would all be a part of  
this endeavor, and will be  
detailed in this upcoming  
phase.



We did one subsequent study (with Loci Creative) to look at the size of the different spaces that would be created and how many people could gather for events in each location.

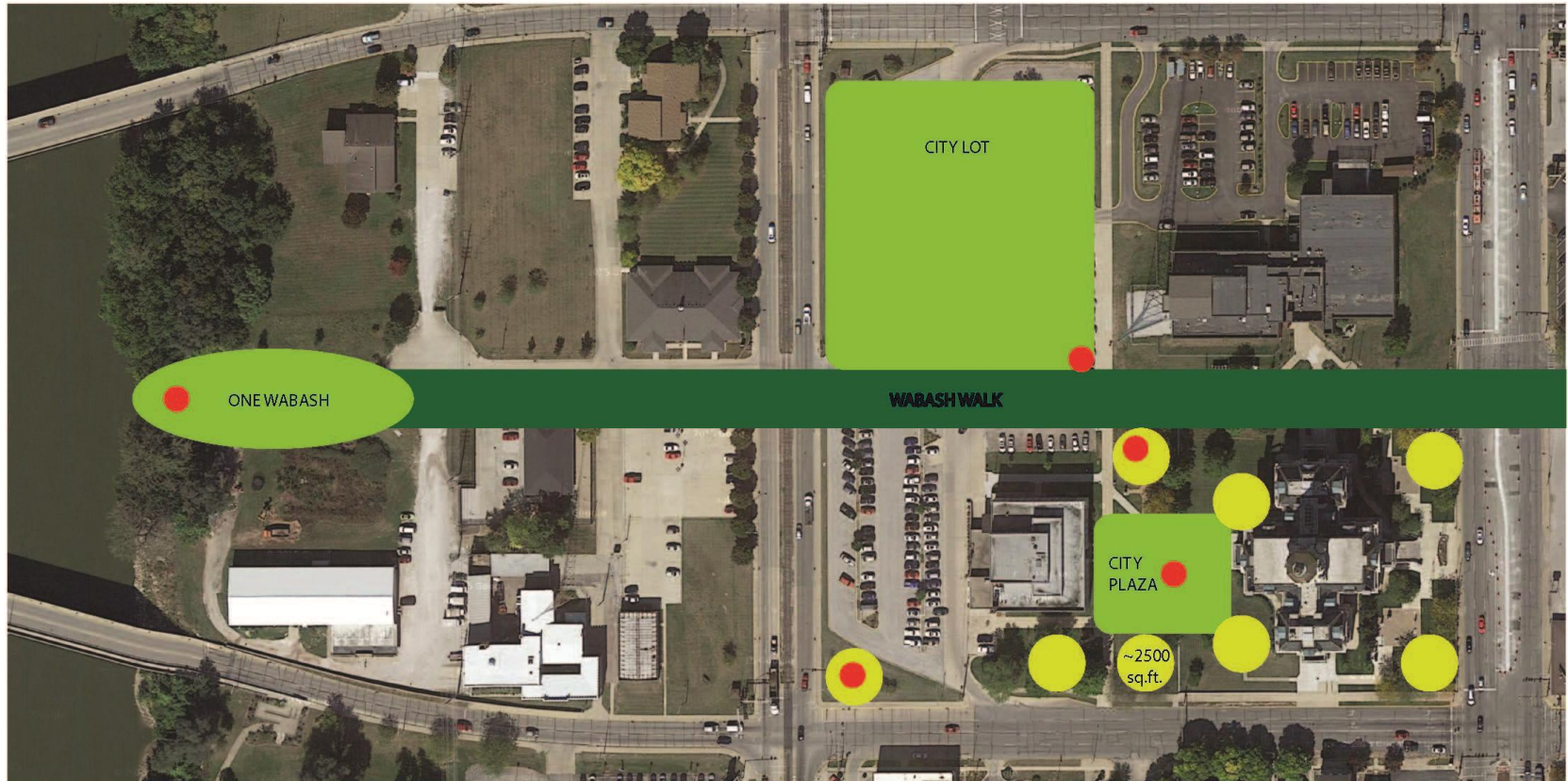


## TURN TO THE RIVER

CITY PLAZA LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONCEPT

May 25, 2016

## GATHERING SPACE UTILIZATION



### ONE WABASH

0.5 acres (~22,000 sf)  
typical size: 100-500 people

Wabash River overlook  
festivals

### CITY LOT

1.75 acres (~76,000 sf)  
typical size: 500-2000 people

parking  
farmers' markets  
art festivals  
movie nights  
food trucks

### CITY PLAZA

0.4 acres (~17,500 sf)  
typical size: 50-300 people

small stage performances  
community gathering space  
intimate tent/tabling events  
public demonstrations

### INTIMATE GATHERINGS

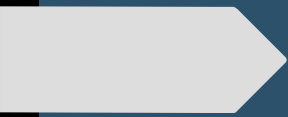
~2500 sf  
typical size: 1-50 people

picnics  
meetings  
small gatherings  
monuments  
sculptures

### ART ELEMENTS

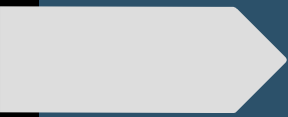
sculptures  
interactive art  
installations





In July 2016 we held a 6-hour open house downtown to gather additional feedback and ideas, and generate more community discussion.

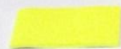




Regular strong attendance at  
our events includes  
legislators, community  
leaders, and citizens, and  
indicates a broad ongoing  
interest in *Turn to the River*

Describe an inclusive event that you would consider to be multi-cultural and describe one that is multi-generational

"If we build it they will come."  
What should be built that would bring more people to the river?





The larger the word appears in the cloud, the more frequently the idea was expressed.

**This was the word cloud generated in the 2012-2013 surveys**

# WABASH RIVER



# FAIRBANKS PARK



## GOVERNMENT CAMPUS



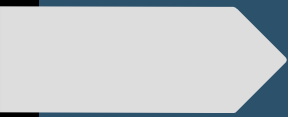
This was the word cloud generated during the 2016 Open House







We are now entering the  
Design Development  
Phase

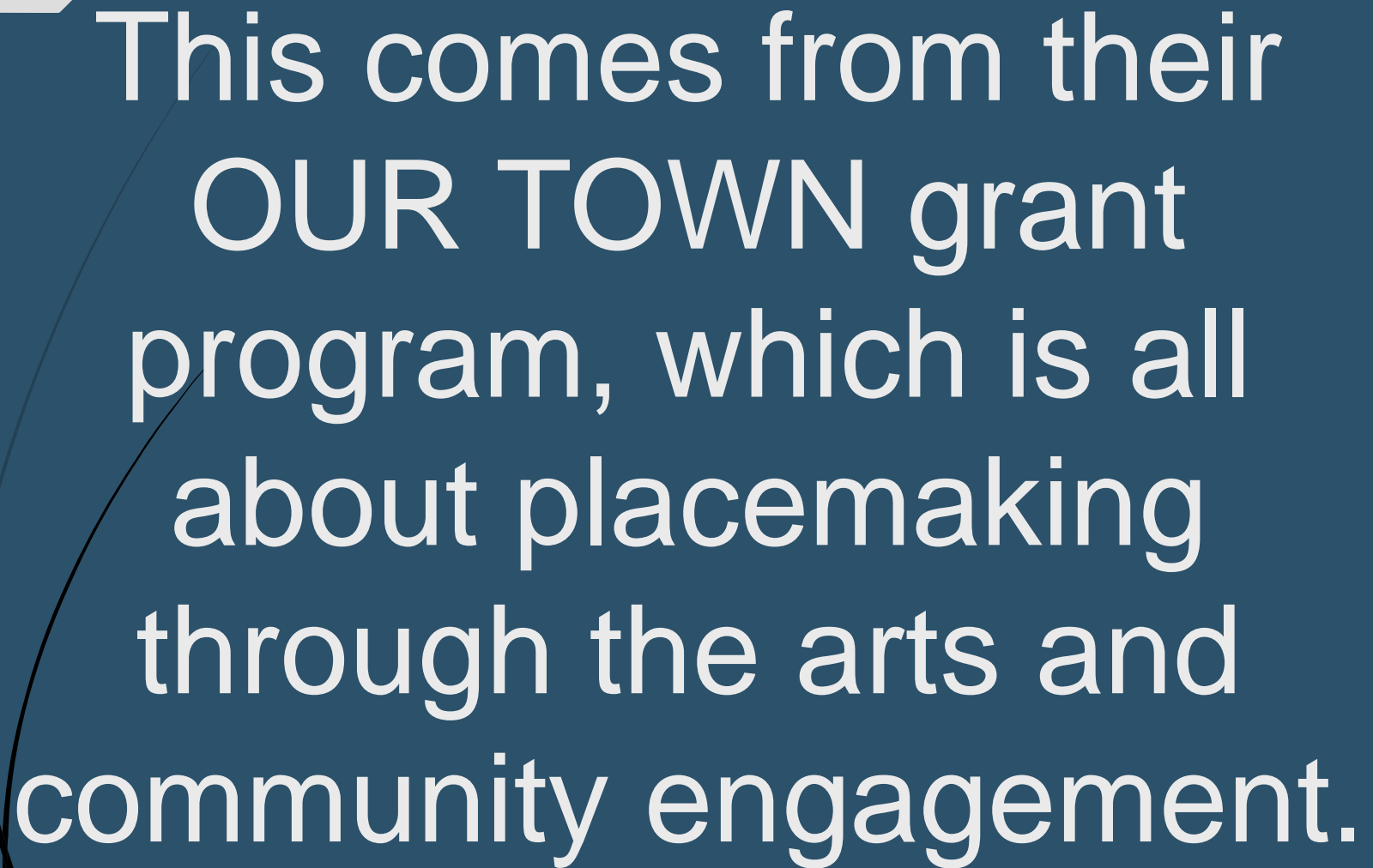


Art Spaces learned in June that the National Endowment for the Arts will contribute \$75,000 toward this phase.

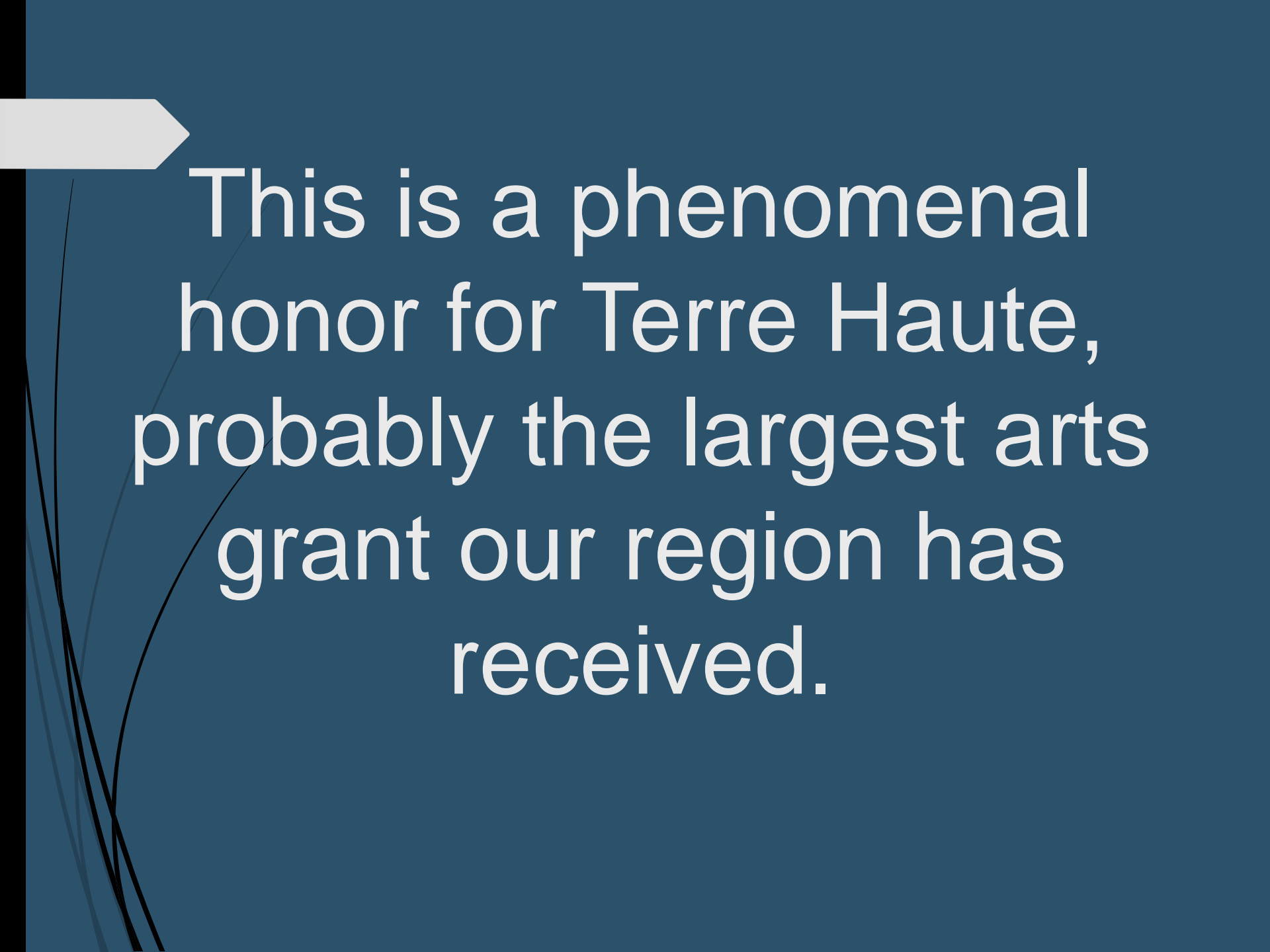


National  
Endowment  
for the Arts  
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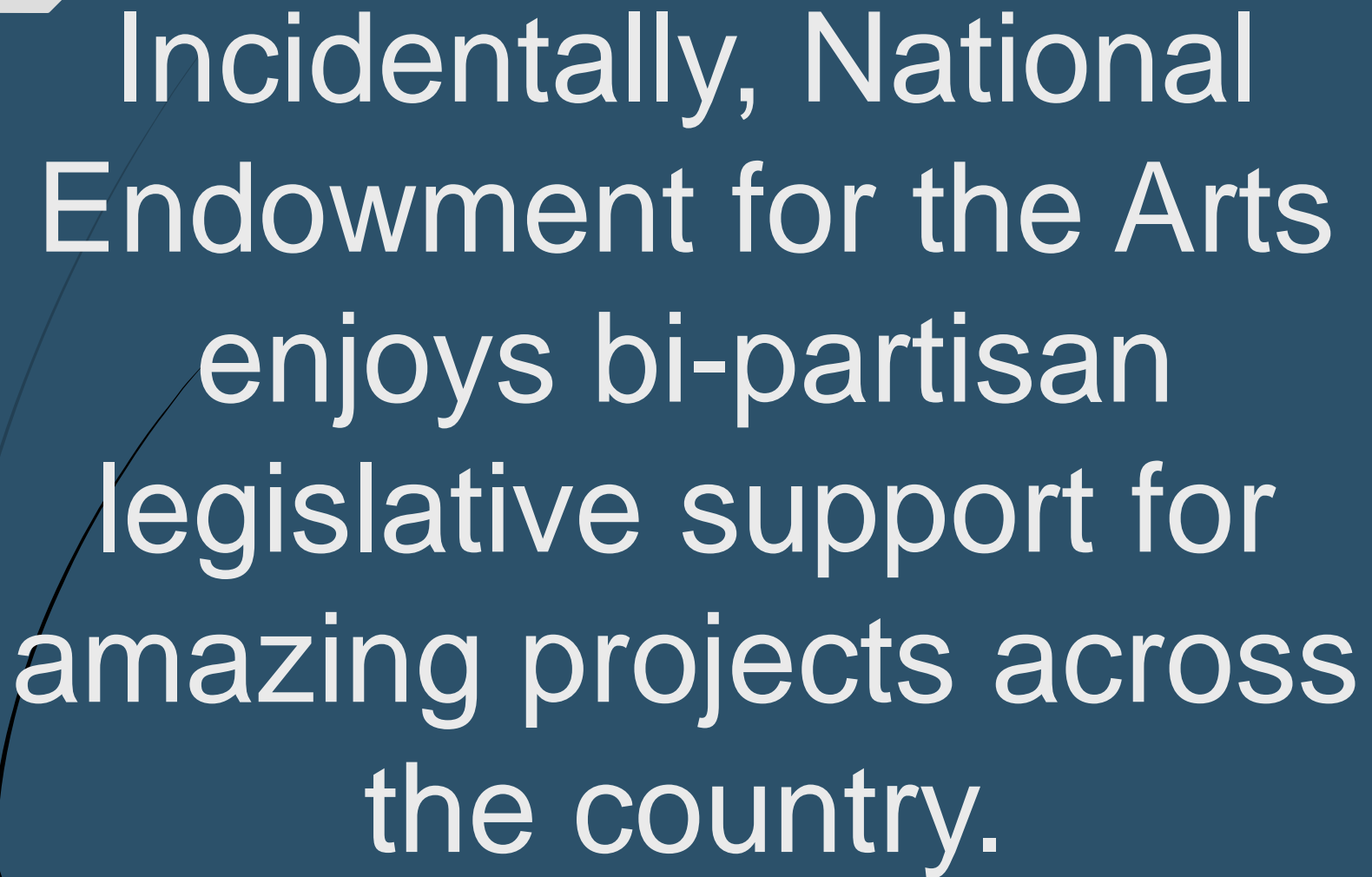


This comes from their  
OUR TOWN grant  
program, which is all  
about placemaking  
through the arts and  
community engagement.




This is a phenomenal honor for Terre Haute, probably the largest arts grant our region has received.





Incidentally, National  
Endowment for the Arts  
enjoys bi-partisan  
legislative support for  
amazing projects across  
the country.



Art Spaces is now raising  
\$75,000 of matching  
funds.






We plan to issue an RFP  
for a design firm this fall.



## *TURN TO THE RIVER*

Provides vision and  
places the arts at the  
core of a downtown  
redevelopment project



Will result in a  
unique downtown  
green space



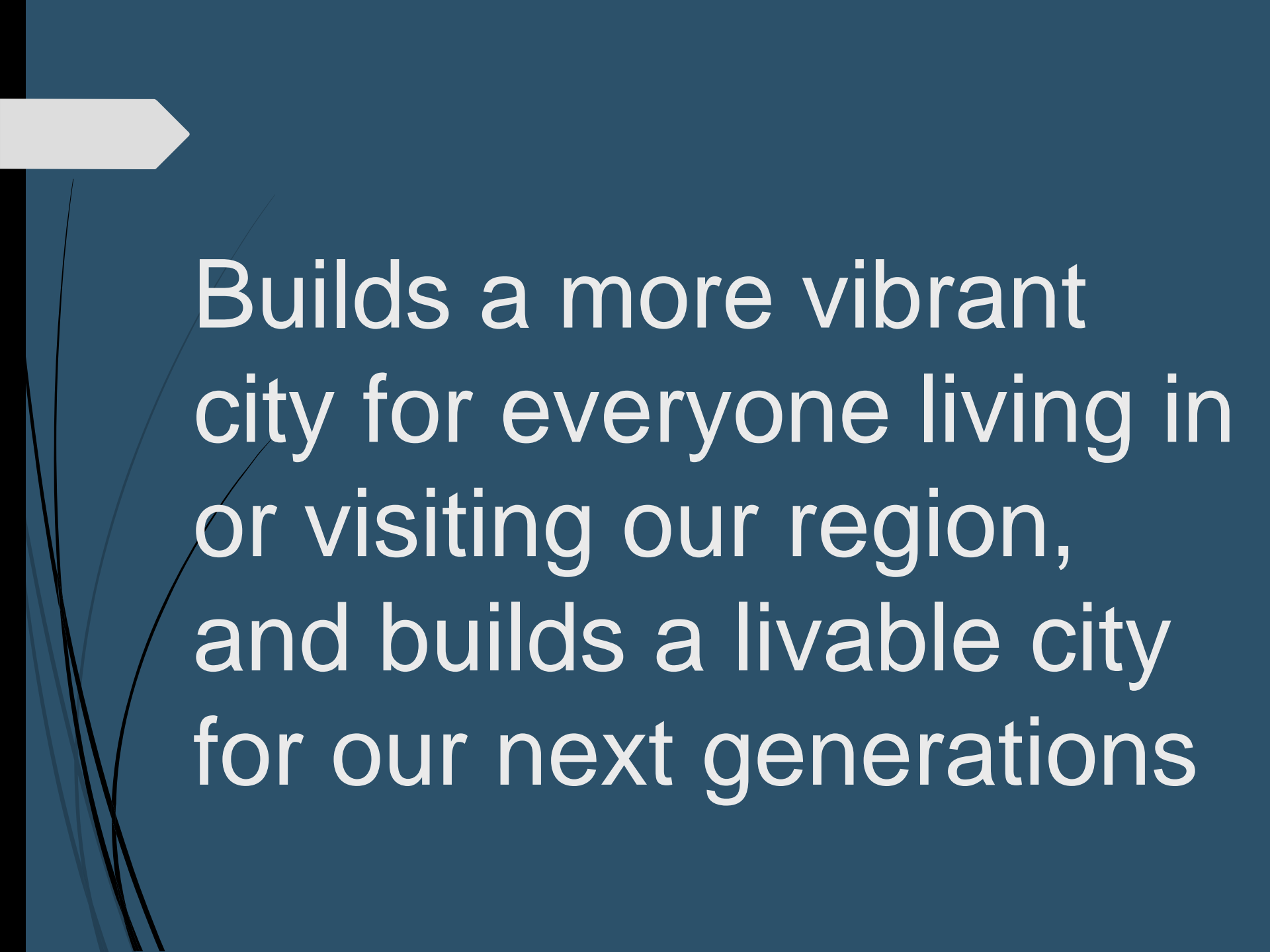


Will create a beautiful  
government area

(Perhaps increasing citizen  
involvement in government)

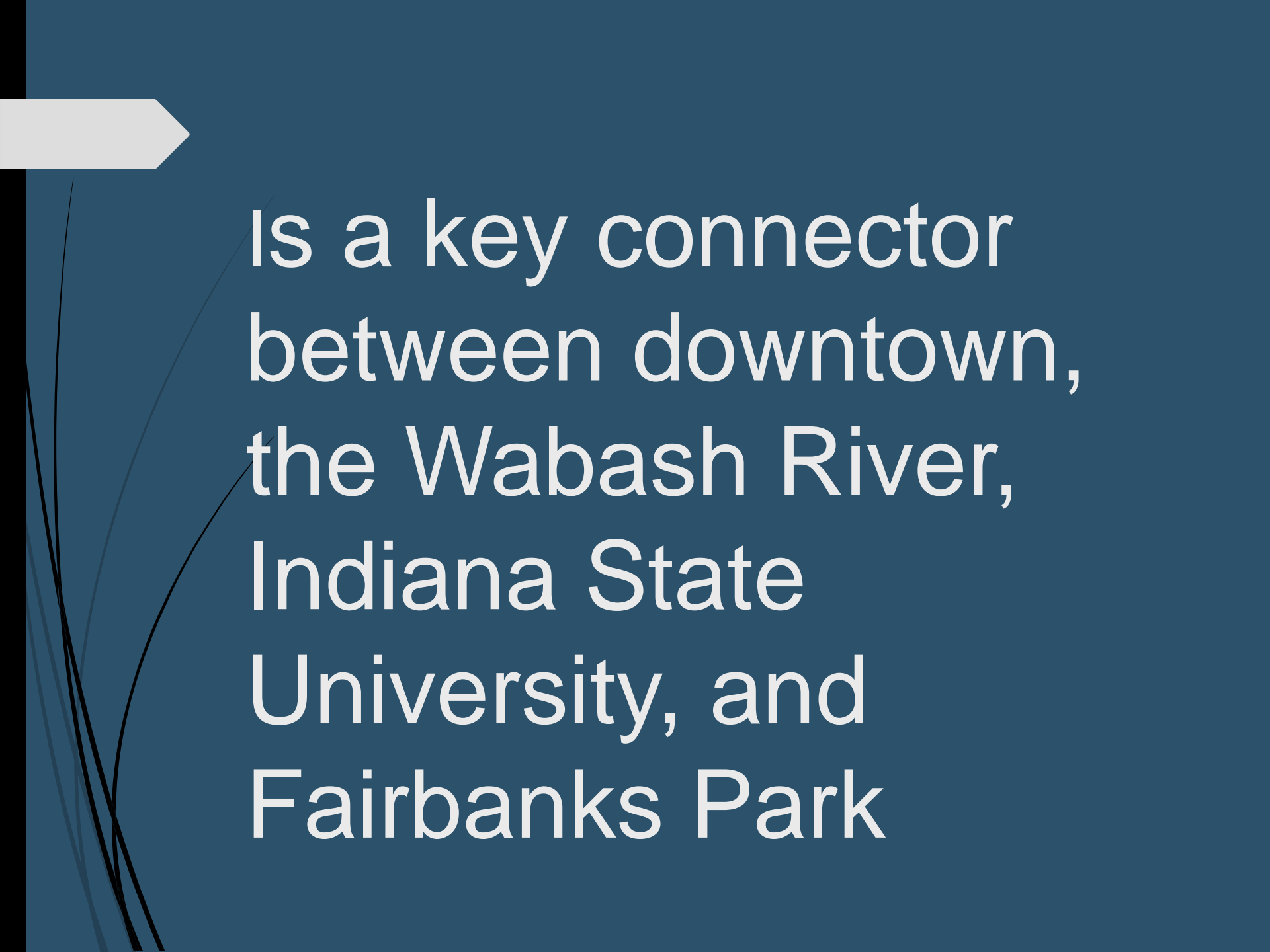


Creates active and  
lasting partnerships



Builds a more vibrant  
city for everyone living in  
or visiting our region,  
and builds a livable city  
for our next generations






Is a key connector  
between downtown,  
the Wabash River,  
Indiana State  
University, and  
Fairbanks Park




*Turn to the River* will

Celebrate our cultural  
history



Build awareness of our  
diverse population, past  
and present, through  
public art



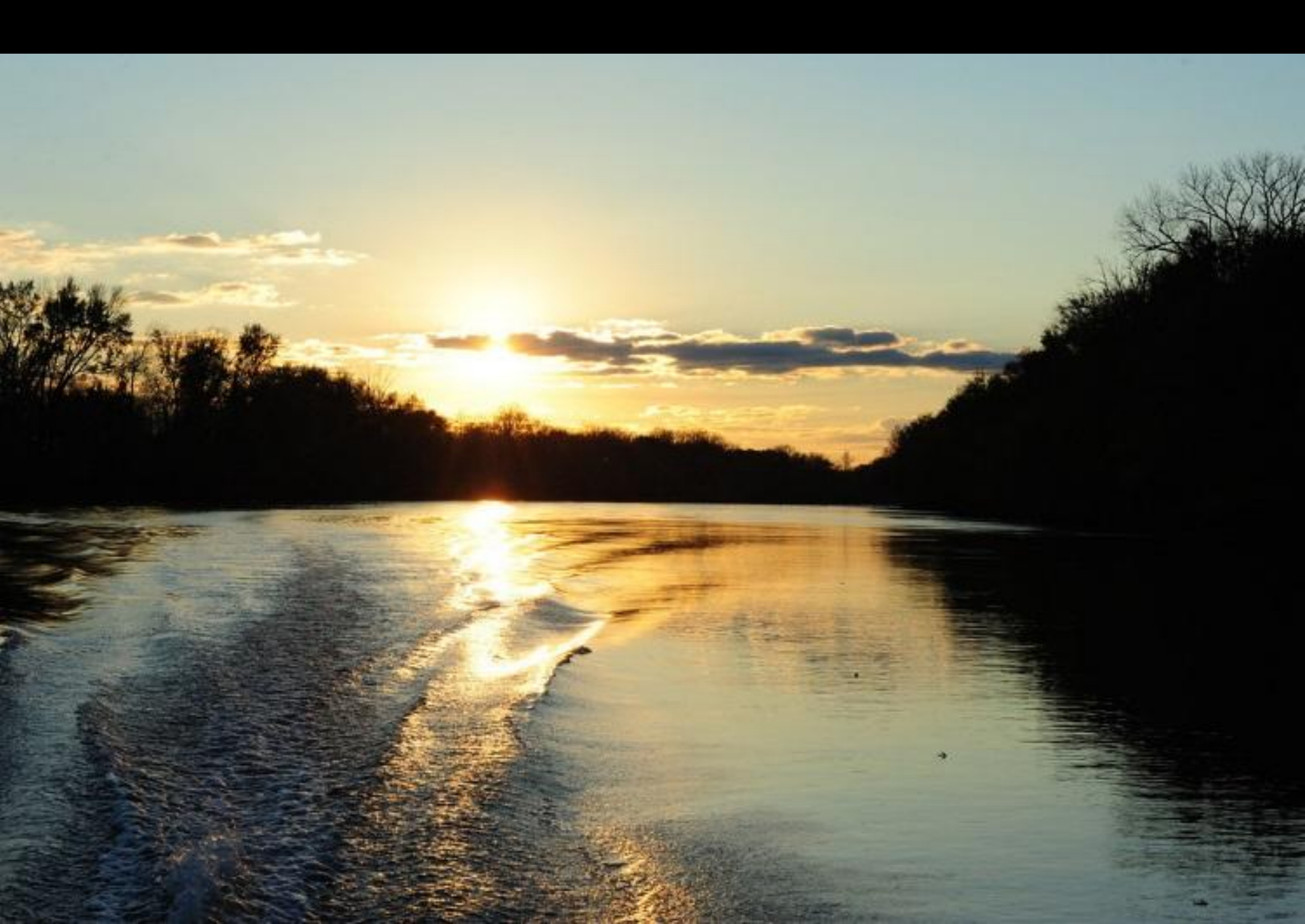


Build awareness of,  
and access to, our  
natural resources,  
especially



# The Wabash River











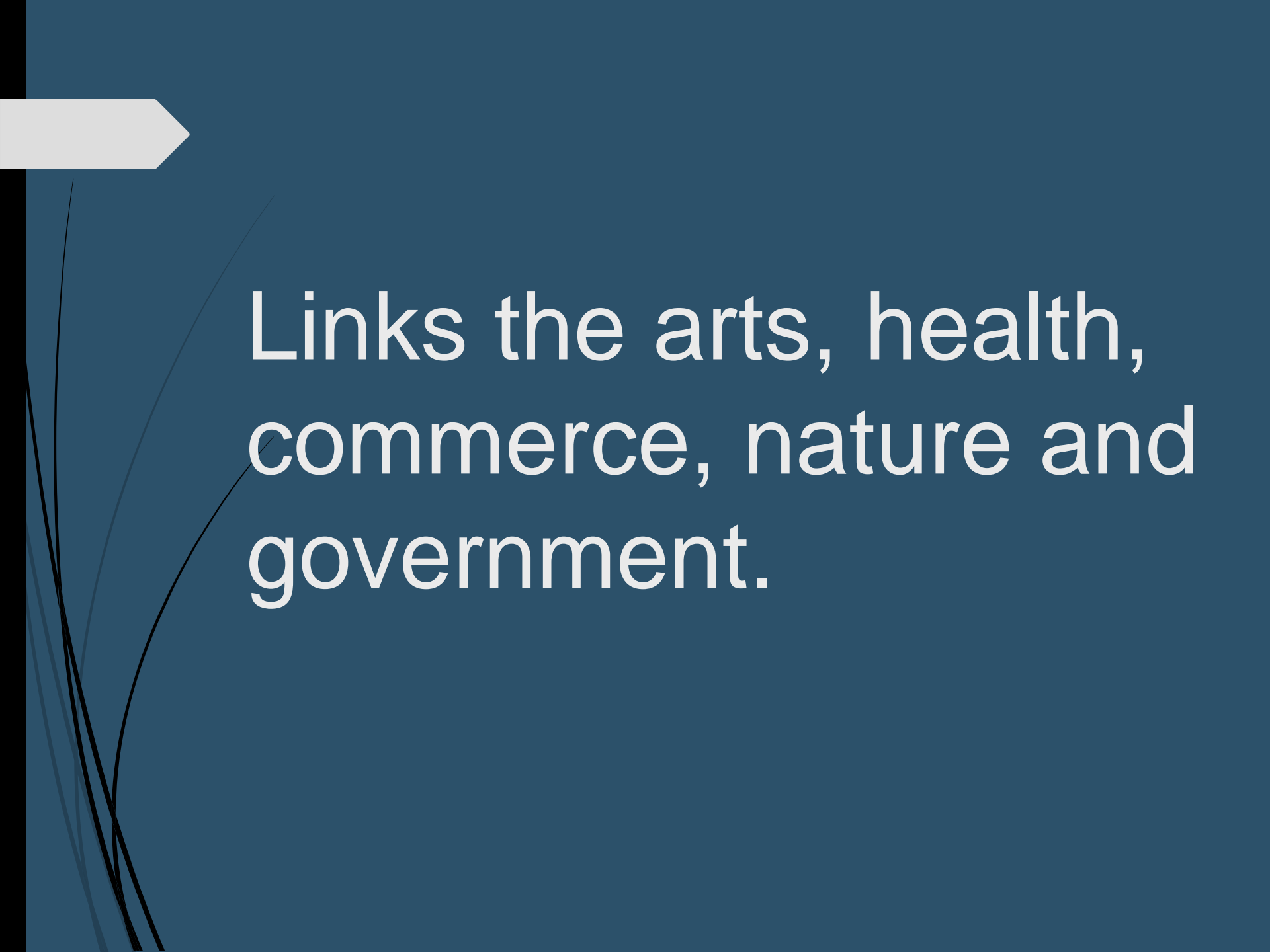
*Turn to the River:*

Will make us better  
stewards of this river





Will provide spaces for  
many different kinds of  
community gatherings



Links the arts, health,  
commerce, nature and  
government.





For more information  
find us at:

669 Ohio Street

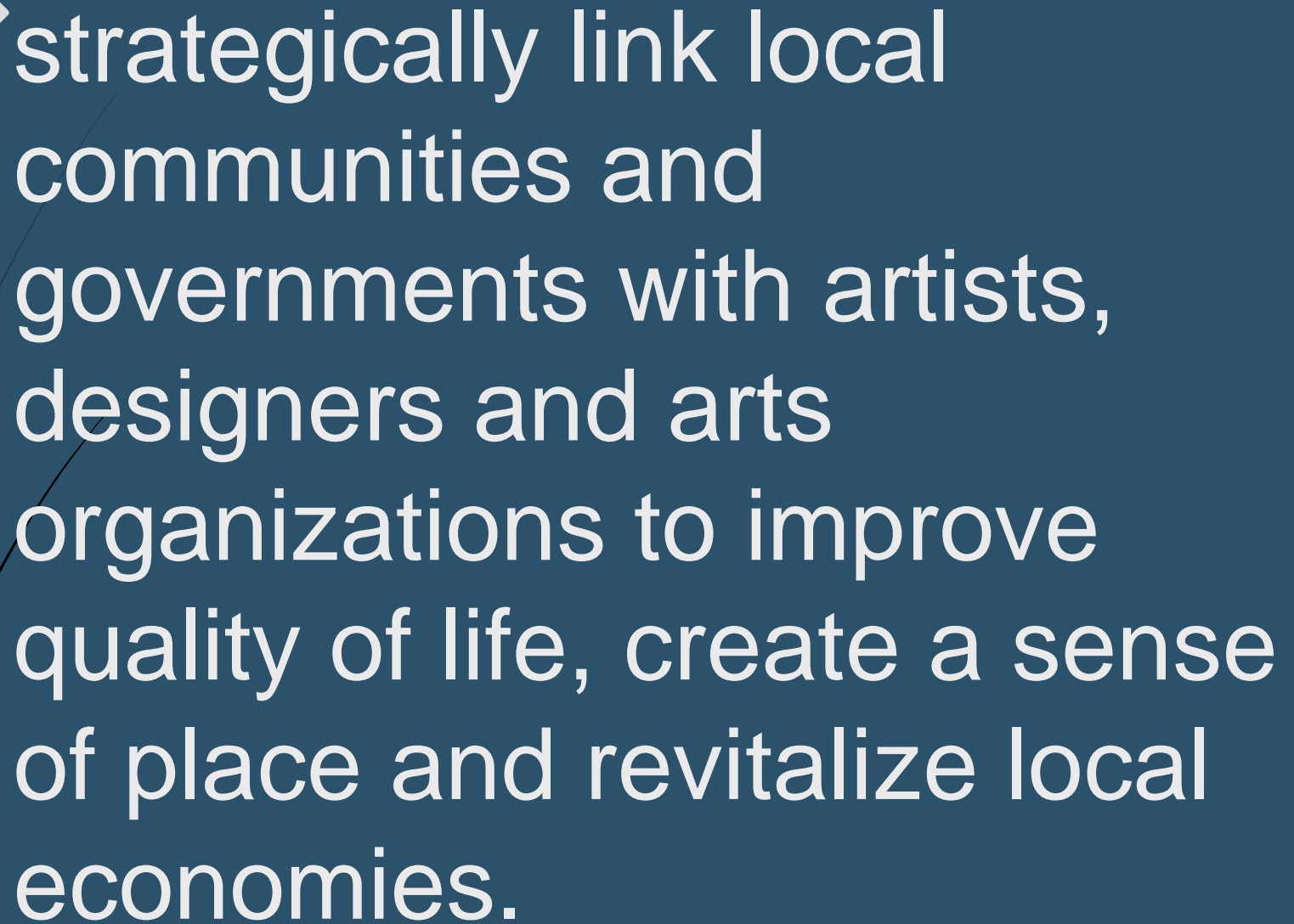
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[www.wabashvalleyartspaces.com](http://www.wabashvalleyartspaces.com)



The NEA offers the  
Our Town opportunity to:




strategically link local communities and governments with artists, designers and arts organizations to improve quality of life, create a sense of place and revitalize local economies.





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# For more information on the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Program:

- <https://www.arts.gov/exploring-our-town/>



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September 6, 2017

Picnic at City Hall (outside)

With food trucks and music.

Free and open to the public.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL ATTEND!!



Bringing together  
people, business and art



to build a vibrant city